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Applicants

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Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a one-month Extension of Time, to and including May 27, 2006, be granted in which to respond to the Office Action dated January 27, 2006 in the above-identified application.

Our Credit Card Payment Form in the amount of \$120.00 is attached in payment of the appropriate fee.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional payment due, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1417.

Respectfully submitted,

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